

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The specification has been corrected at page 2 and 7 with respect to the reference to "30 mPa.s". The degree symbol has also been added at pages 2 and 7. These changes conform with changes made in the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objections thereto as set out in ¶ 2, page 2 of the action.

Claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice, in response to the Examiner's Section 101/112 rejection in ¶ 5, pages 2-3 of the action. The substance of claim 14 is covered by other pending claims, e.g. claim 15.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the degree symbol in the references to sin 60 and tan 60. It is believed that this amendment obviates the Section 112, 2nd ¶ rejection set out in ¶s 6-8, page 3 of the action.

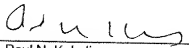
Claim 12 has been amended to include the same value for Formula (1) and the degree symbol as added to claim 1.

The applicants note the Examiner's indication that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112, 2nd ¶ rejection and to include all features of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claim. The applicants do not agree with the Examiner's Section 102(a) and Section 103(a) rejections of claims based, respectively, on Ishizuka et al. (U.S. 2004/0010052) and Caiger et al. (U.S. 6,586,492). Nevertheless, applicants' main claim 1, as well as claim 12, have been amended to include the substance of claim 4, the latter being cancelled as redundant. Accordingly, claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon (claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 12, 13, 15-19) should be allowable and the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the Section 102(a) and Section 103(a) rejections on the basis of the amendments the applicants have made to claims 1 and 12. Detailed comment on the Examiner's references is not thought necessary in the circumstances as it is believed sufficient to note that Ishizuka et al. and Caiger et al. do not disclose or suggest the applicants' invention as defined in the claims as presented herein and as the Examiner has recognized.

Favorable reconsideration, with allowance, is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if this would facilitate early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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